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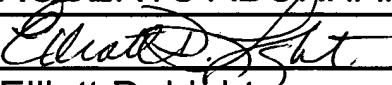
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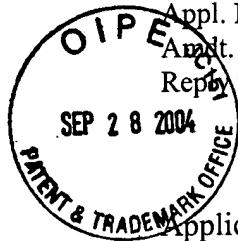
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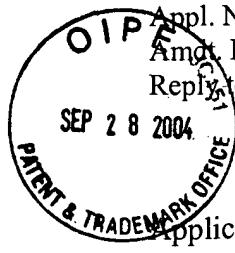
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, applicant submits the following::

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.